

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 13-20 and 37-48.

Please amend Claim 33 as follows:

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- B1** 33. (Amended) The method of Claim 31 further comprising forming the protrusions as horizontal fins.
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Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

Please add new Claims 49-57 as follows:

49. (New) The article of Claim 1 in which the protuberance is unitary and thickened.
50. (New) A plastic article comprising:
a first plastic portion having a series of protrusions extending therefrom and adjacent to each other; and
B2 a second plastic portion extending between and over the protrusions of the first plastic portion, thereby forming a protuberance on the plastic article having a desired profile.
51. (New) The article of Claim 50 in which the protuberance is unitary and thickened.
52. (New) The article of Claim 51 in which the second plastic portion is molded between and over the protrusions of the first plastic portion.
53. (New) A method of forming a plastic article comprising:

providing a first plastic portion having a series of protrusions extending therefrom and adjacent to each other, the first plastic portion being formed by injection molding in a first mold configuration;

providing the first plastic portion with mineral fillers for reducing cooling time of the first plastic portion; and

injection molding a second plastic portion between and over the protrusions of the first plastic portion in a second mold configuration to form a protuberance on the plastic article of a desired profile.

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54. (New) A method of forming a plastic article comprising:
providing a first plastic portion having a series of protrusions extending therefrom and adjacent to each other; and
extending a second plastic portion between and over the protrusions of the first plastic portion to form a protuberance on the plastic article of a desired profile.
55. (New) The method of Claim 54 further comprising forming an unitary thickened protuberance.
56. (New) The method of Claim 55 further comprising molding the second plastic portion between and over the protrusions of the first plastic portion.
57. (New) The method of Claim 21 further comprising forming a unitary thickened protuberance.
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REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are pending in the application. In the Office Action at hand, Claims 13-20 and 37-48 are withdrawn from consideration, Claims 1-12, 21-24 and 26-36 are rejected, and Claim 25 is objected to.

The Examiner indicated that Claim 25 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the